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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8459
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS NIACT IMMEDIATE
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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PINS, KU
SUBJECT: KUWAIT HIJACK ENDS UP IN DAMASCUS

REF: KUWAIT 3776 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE INFORMS US THIS MORNING
THAT THE KUWAIT AIRWAYS CORPORATION PLANE CARRYING
HIJACKERS AND THREE "HOSTAGES" (BRIG. MOHAMMAD AL
HAMAD, DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SECURITY IN KUWAIT, MR.
OUNI BATTASH, DEP. DIRECTOR OF THE PLO OFFICE IN KUWAIT,
AND MR. MOHAMMAD ABDU, SOUTH YEMENI CHARGE), ORIGINALLY
DESTINED FOR ADEN, WAS DIVERTED TO DAMASCUS BY THE
HIJACKERS SHORTLY AFTER TAKE-OFF. AFTER INITIALLY REFUSING
TO ALLOW PLANE TO LAND, SYRIANS HAVE RECONSIDERED
AND AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY TOUCHED DOWN AROUND 0500Z.

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2. WE PRESUME HIJACKERS ARE NOW GOING TO TRY TO
RESCUE THEIR 17 COLLEAGUES WHO WERE PART OF THEIR
PREVIOUS DEMANDS WHILE IN KUWAIT.

3. FOR DAMASCUS: THERE HAS BEEN NO AMCIT INVOLVE-
MENT IN THIS INCIDENT. AT PRESENT ONLY HIJACKERS AND
THREE ABOVE MENTIONED HOSTAGES WHO WERE EXCHANGED FOR

PASSENGERS ARE KNOWN TO BE ABOARD.

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